

ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

**March 25, 2008
ASHLAND UTILITY OFFICE
6 COLLINS STREET
ASHLAND, NH
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Kendall L. Hughes, Mr. Daniel Vaughn & Mr. Michael Evleth

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Nichols, Daniel Boynton and Linda Pack

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Kendall L. Hughes called the Meeting of the Ashland Electric Commission to order at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Michael Evleth made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2008 with corrections. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: Daniel Boynton presented his project to the Electric Commissioners to raise money (approx. \$150,000.00) for lights at the Ballpark. He advised the commissioners there would be a public hearing April 7, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the school cafeteria. He asked the commissioners if there might be a way he could get the electrical wire and conduit donated or at a reduced price. The commissioners asked Mr. Nichols to get better figures as to the cost of the wire and conduit. They want to see actual figures before they decide if they can donate the materials. The Electric Commissioners will take the proposal under advisement and will get back to him as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Nichols asked Mr. Alpers for a copy of the Audit and Mr. Alpers said Mr. Mercier usually has the audit completed sometime in April. Mr. Alpers will contact him when it is finished. Mr. Nichols also

requested a copy of the budget cuts and as far as he can see, the Electric Department Budget has not been cut yet.

Mr. Nichols reviewed the project regarding Route 132 and PSNH and the transfer of the electric lines to the other side of the road. Mr.

Nichols will have to buy poles in the near future for this and other projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Evleth asked the other commissioners if it is possible for the Planning Board to put an insert in the next mailing of electric bills. Mr. Nichols said that in the past the department did allow inserts with the bill but had stopped the practice some time ago. Mr. Nichols explained to Mr. Evleth the reasons the department stopped the inserts.

Mr. Hughes asked if the gas, diesel and paint fumes from the Highway Garage downstairs had diminished at all and if it was still a problem in the Electric Department Office. Mrs. Pack told him it was better than it had been but the problem still exists. Mr. Evleth suggested that when the fan downstairs is turned on it would be a simple matter to have an electrician wire a light to come on at the same time in the office. Then the office staff would know if the fan was on or not and could call downstairs to put it on if the odor is detected in the office. Mrs. Pack will look into the cost of having the wiring done and will bring back estimates for the commissioners.

Mr. Hughes wanted to know if the Electric Generator was being tested as it should be. Mr. Nichols advised the commissioners that the generator was tested regularly until the wiring where it was hooked up stopped working properly. Since then the generator has not been running. Mr. Hughes asked Mr. Nichols to see that new batteries were installed and the unit is in working order and tested regularly.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Mr. Nichols advised the commissioners that Jeff Hladyk has applied for the Linesman #2 position. To date he has not received any other applications for this position.

Mr. Nichols advised the commissioners that all of the Thompson Street trees have been trimmed.

The Electric Commissioners were asked by the Superintendent if they wished to revisit Sweep Accounts with Franklin Savings Bank. Mr. Nichols explained Sweep Accounts and how they worked and the commissioners want him to check with Michael Seymour of Franklin Savings Bank to make sure they still offer Sweep Accounts and the particulars involved.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Evleth made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.
Seconded by Mr. Vaughn. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Pack
Executive Secretary
Ashland Electric Department